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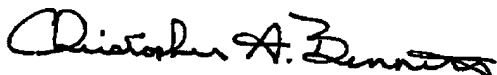
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Examiner Ojini:

Please find attached a Response to Restriction Requirement to be filed in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,



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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Sadahiko KONDO et al. Serial No.: 09/996,318 Filing Date: November 23, 2001 For: METHOD FOR CUTTING RARE EARTH ALLOY, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING RARE EARTH MAGNET, AND WIRE-SAW MACHINE	Art Unit: 3723 Examiner: E. Ojini
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement Issued on November 14, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, including Claims 1-28 for prosecution in the present application. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file a Divisional Application to pursue prosecution of the non-elected claims 29-37.

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Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.
Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the present application are
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 25, 2003


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